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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
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NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT
DATE 2007

TERMINATION OF PROJECT CATRANSIT

1. It is requested that Project CATRANSIT be terminated effective 30 June 1969.

2. BACKGROUND

With the erection of the Berlin Wall in August 1961, German Nationals residing in West Berlin could no longer visit East Germany thereby denying [] the use of available West Berlin courier agents. To remedy this situation, Project CATRANSIT was established in 1964 with the objective to develop and maintain a courier pool adequate to sustain secure communications with agents residing in East Berlin and/or East Germany. This project consolidated the fiscal and operational management of several categories of [] agent/couriers whose expenses had previously been charged to OOA. In 1966 for the purpose of a more manageable accounting of funds the West Berlin assets were separated from the CATRANSIT Project and put under a separate project to be known as Project CABUS. However, operational requirements at [] dictated a greater emphasis on the Berlin-based (CABUS) couriers so actually during the Fiscal Year of 1969 Project CATRANSIT served only to back up, and when necessary, to supplement Project CABUS. By Fiscal Year 1970, Project CABUS had adequate personnel, composed of third country nationals, to meet the courier needs of BOB thereby fully assuming all the functions previously carried out under Project CATRANSIT. Therefore Project CATRANSIT is no longer needed and is being terminated.

3. EFFECTIVENESS

During its life time Project CATRANSIT successfully met its objectives of providing [] with a number of trained couriers able to cross into East Berlin and support the agents inside East Berlin. These couriers infiltrated and dead-dropped material including East German and other Bloc countries currency, SW material, briefing material, cameras and accessories, radio transmitters and radio receivers as well as performing other operational tasks. These activities were carried out at a time when [] had no other Berlin based assets capable of carrying out such missions.

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4. PERSONNEL

Except as noted under "SECURITY" below, final disposition of former CATRANSIT agents has been as follows:

a. CARCASSA 80 has been placed under the CAFOLD Project and encrypted CAFOLD 55.

b. Loose contact is being maintained with CATRANSIT 19 for the purpose of possibly using him on another support project.

c. All other agents have been terminated. The terminations were amicable and have posed no special problem.

5. SECURITY

There is no known risk to any component of CIA in terminating this Project and its assets. As a rule the couriers on this project were of a generally high quality. Out of a total of approximately 40 courier/agents covered by this project during its life time, the following two are the only ones known to have been compromised.

a. CAPERCH-11: A 51 year old German woman who was arrested 9 September 1965 while on a mission in East Berlin, sentenced for document falsification to 18 months imprisonment and released 8 December 1966. Following her release and the debriefings, it was concluded that her arrest was due to a flaw in a CIA manufactured alias identity document used for the mission. Although CAPERCH-11 has been officially terminated and paid a settlement, loose contact is being maintained with her because she contracted tuberculosis while imprisoned. When a final determination of CAPERCH-11's health problems can be made, an appropriate additional settlement will be made. However, this can be paid out of OOA.

b. CATRANSIT-50: A 45 year old German man who was arrested 28 January 1966 while on a courier mission into East Germany and charged with espionage. He was sentenced to four years in prison but was released 25 August 1967 after serving 18 months. CATRANSIT-50's family received \$375 a month from CIA while he was in prison. After CATRANSIT-50 was released from prison, he was debriefed, polygraphed and given a prison

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compensation payment for which he appeared well satisfied. He signed a Quit Claim and no further contact with this agent is anticipated and there are no foreseeable handling problems arising from his resettlement.

6. FINANCE

The CATRANSIT Project was approved for the FY 69 in the amount of [] of which [] was expended. There are no outstanding financial commitments and any future expenditures, as stated under "SECURITY", will be funded from OOA.

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(When Filled In)

PROJECT ACTION

PROJECT CRYPTONYM

CATRAMMIT

KX	TYPE OF ACTION	KX	FI/CI		CA		OTHER
	NEW PROJECT APPROVAL	DIVISION European					
	AMENDMENT NO.	FIELD STATION []					
	RENEWAL FY 196	BRANCH German			DESK West German Ops		
	EXTENSION	CASE OFFICER []				DATE 20 Dec 60	
KX	TERMINATION	ROOM NO. 4 C 34	BUILDING 233	TEL. EXT.	RED 1552	BLACK 7852	

CONCURRENCES OF DIVISIONS

ORGANIZATIONAL ELEMENT	TYPED NAME (and signature)	DATES		MEMO ATTACHED	
		IN	OUT	YES	NO
C/E/G	[]				
C/E/BAF	[]				
C/E/BS	[]				
C/E/PI/CI	[]				
EUR/COPE	[]				
DC/EUR	[]				

CONCURRENCES OF OTHER COMPONENTS

		DATES		MEMO ATTACHED	
		IN	OUT	YES	NO

APPROVAL

	PERIOD		AMT THIS ACTION	FY	TOTAL AMOUNT	
	FROM	TO		196	\$	
			\$	196	\$	
APPROVING AUTHORITY C/EUR			SIGNATURE []		DATE 9 JAN 1970	